



NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tote Centre Community Hall

100 Joynton Ave., Zetland

12 July @ 7.00pm

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MEMBERSHIP

Full membership	\$40
Concession	\$25
Family	\$55
Pensioner	\$25

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EDITORIAL MATTERS

We always welcome any contributions from members, so if you have a project underway, have a query, want to sell/swap/buy something, or otherwise have a tale to share, please get in contact via info@sydneycitybonsai.org.au or one of the Committee members.



I wish this was in my backyard



MONTHLY MEETING FEEDBACK
June

We had a different sort of meeting in June. Due to a number of reasons a swag of “regulars” were not able to turn up but their absence was balanced by the attendance of half-a-dozen or more

new and newish members. Each brought a tree and there was a good deal of interesting discussion around the trees which extended for the full duration of the allocated meeting time. On the downside there was the usual drama with resetting the alarm.



[Left]

A Privet originally brought in to go on the Raffle Table – intercepted by Chris and developing nicely

[Right]

A reject Jade tree from the swap table that is no match for the example provided by Lee in last month’s Newsletter. But even a skinny trunk version can have potential. Lower end needs some tidying up.



[Right]

For unknown reasons my camera decided to play games with its focusing (could have been the operator). So I apologise for the fuzziness of the photo which is disappointing as Cathy’s Tiger Bark fig prompted prolonged discussion on where to go from now



[Left]

Nice little PJ fig given to Chris a number of years ago – it was free to a good home!



[Right]

Chucky looking as miserable as ever. He could do everyone a favour by calling it a day.





[Left]

Sadly, another out-of-focus shot. A Trident Maple on the path to being a bonsai



[Right]

Now that's what you call a serious cut-back. Bring out the carving tools was the consensus. Thankfully, the last of the really fuzzy shots.



[Right]

Two trees with Bryan's signature companion plantings. The bigger was of an unidentified species [Carrotwood/Cupaniopsis anacardiodes?] other than it is a common streetscape tree. The smaller one is a specimen with some way to go – actually a long way to go given that it appeared to be deceased.



[Left]

A neat PJ fig tragically "abandoned" at a past meeting. Some TLC and several years has paid dividends.



[Right]

Three candidates for a group setting after a bit of serious re-sizing.

[Left]

This Casuarina prompted plenty of discussion. Everyone could see plenty of potential but this species evokes hesitancy due to the uncertainty as to how the needle structure will respond to pruning – this species scares some (most?) people off!





FEEDBACK ON GREEN SQUARE EVENT
By David

The club was pleased to be asked by Himali Wettasinghe from the City of Sydney to participate in the Green Square Neighbour Fest on the 25th of June. The aim of the event is to promote interaction in the Green Square community and promote Council resources and interest groups that could appeal to local residents. The Council can see that bonsai is an activity and craft that is highly compatible with unit living and those with limited garden space.

The club was allocated a tent in Matron Ruby Grant Park. We shared the park with a stage demonstrating Latin American Music, Piecemakers Eastern Suburbs Quilters and a dumpling stand offering vegan, vegetarian, seafood and meat options.

We had a number of trees on display. From left to right:- David's dwarf umbrella tree, an Azalea planned as a demo on tidying up a very overgrown tree, Chris' mini and medium Port Jackson figs, Brian's tanuki Juniper, David's Premna, Bryan's multi-trunk Olive and his Easter Show prize-winning Leptospermum, and Chris' "flat-top" Baeckea.

All the tree's attracted attention. It was a close call on the crowd favourite but I think Chris' Beackea just pipped Bryan's Leptospermum.

It is testament to many peoples unhappy first experience with bonsai that they were encouraged that the Premna was deciduous and alive.

The Council had advertised the event through the Unit complexes and the Council's website. Most people who came to the stall had seen the Council ads and were coming to see us.



The event itself was not frantically busy but we did get a reasonable number of visitors all of whom were very interested in Bonsai. Most lived in the area and most owned "bonsais" of some description.

We didn't have a sufficient crowd to do the demonstration, however I did show a few people how one goes about trimming an Azalea and was able to talk about style and growth habits.

One of our visitors had come all the way from Norway to talk about Bonsai. Through the power of the internet I was able to show her the details of a bonsai specialist outlet in Norway so there may be another enthusiast in the making.

Overall it was a good event and we are hoping we will see some of our visitors at the club.

We look forward to participating in more Council sponsored events and spreading the word about bonsai through the Green Square community.

Ed - Many thanks to David for his co-ordination role with CoS, Bryan for attending the event and Neville and James for assistance in setting up.



FEEDBACK ON COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

There was nothing short notice about this presentation. It has been scheduled for nearly two years?? Covid played the major role in this drawn-out affair. Inner West Neighbourhood Aid approached the Club to give a bonsai demonstration for one of its senior citizen groups. Chris confirmed we would be pleased to provide that service. For a number of reasons, but mostly due to Covid, the demonstration was scheduled and re-scheduled a number of times. Eventually the demonstration occurred on 20th June at a community facility in Concord (adjacent to the Anzac Walk). There were a dozen or more attendees and the presentation went down well and the participants and organisers were pleased with the event. A follow up workshop may be in the air.

JULY MEETING AGENDA – AGM and CONCRETE POTS

The main agenda item for the July meeting will be the AGM (see below) but don't be shy about bringing along a tree or two. Chris will give a short demo on his experience making concrete pots. Only for the more muscle bound as the pots are guaranteed to be heavy!

SWAP TABLE

There will be a Swap Table at the next meeting which will be stocked with whatever is brought along. Members are encouraged to contribute to the table. Bring some loose change and maybe grab a bargain.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The private Facebook page run by John Brown is still going strong and anyone interested in participating should contact John for an invitation. I am getting feedback that there is some good quality chat on the Facebook page and members are encouraged to join.

JULY MEETING AGM

It's that time of year again when we are due to have our Annual General Meeting. This time Covid is not likely to interrupt having our AGM. ALL positions will be declared vacant and calls for nominations for office bearers will be invited and voting undertaken as required. Positions requiring filling are:-

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Librarian
- Newsletter Editor
- Committee Members

A nomination form is attached to the end of this Newsletter. Print it out and more importantly, fill it out and bring it along and you could become part of a very select group. **WE NEED MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AS OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE CLUB TO CONTINUE.** You do not have to be a bonsai "expert" to contribute, so get nominating.

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

Membership fees are due. Payment on time is gratefully appreciated. You can see Bryan for a cash renewal or pay your fees electronically to the following account (please include your name in the payment details):-

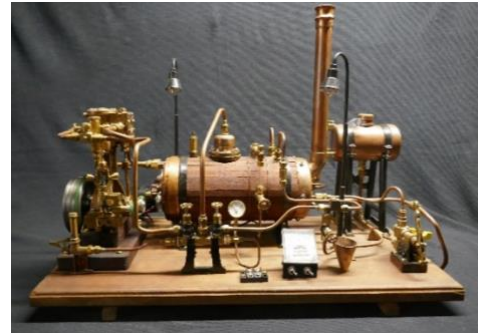
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WHAT PEOPLE GET UP TO



Chris has been involved with bonsai for several decades but in more recent time has developed an interest in model steam engines. Attached are photos of a stationary steam plant he constructed and a vintage model electric boxcar he is custodian for. He seems to be following a theme of small and old.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

If you become aware of any articles on the web, or elsewhere, that may be of interest to members you can use this space to pass on the word. Just send an e-mail to the Club's address with the contact details for the article and we can put it in this section.

The Canberra Bonsai Society is making their Newsletter available to other clubs. We have received an electronic copy. It is worth a read. From their correspondence it seems they "Zoom" their meetings and the links for the June meeting are provided (too late for that) – not sure if you can just crash in on any of their meetings but they had no hesitation sending us the Zoom details for June meeting. May be worth a look, so get in touch via the Club e-mail if you want the details.

THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH by John July

1. Ideally most of your trees should be re-potted prior to bud swell. However, if you have many deciduous trees to be re-potted you may want to start re-potting some in July. Species that could be considered for early re-potting are; Mulberry, Chinese Elm, Japanese Flowering Cherry, Japanese Flowering Apricot, Japanese Flowering Quince, Chinese Quince, Pomegranate and pears.
2. Heavy prune and trunk chop deciduous and evergreen trees while dormant (except [Japanese Maples](#) and [Pines](#). Energy stored in the roots will help accelerate the new growth in Spring).
3. All species of trees can be wired at this time so that it can be left on as long as possible while the tree is dormant.
4. Take the time to collect sufficient materials now for repotting when needed.
5. Any deciduous trees that you have in the ground can be dug up, root pruned and return to the ground for further growth. Alternatively if they have developed sufficiently they can be potted. (leave evergreens until early Spring)
6. Pines and evergreens can be grafted now.
7. Melaleuca cuttings can be taken now off half-ripe lateral shoots.
8. Root prune and repot cedars.
9. Spray trees that are prone to mildew (eg maples, crepe murtles, oaks, roses and olives) with lime-sulphur solution two or three times during Winter.



10. During re potting work you may have the misfortune to find Curl Grubs in some of your pots. For those of you who are not familiar with this destructive pest they have a white body an orange brown head and strong mouth parts and usually rest in a "U" shape. They chew on the tree's root system robbing it of its fibrous roots. The best prevention of major damage is early detection. Detection can be made by noticing a lack of growth on your tree or inconsistent growth, die back on the tips of branches, loose unstable trunks or if you push your finger through the soil surface and it moves down too easily. Unfortunately a lot of the time you only realise when you sight them during re potting of a tree. When you do find them remove every single one of them large or small. They can get wedged tightly right up into root systems so you may have to shake all the soil out to get them all.

If you suspect that some may be in your tree but it is not the right season for re potting I would suggest you try and drown them in a weak solution of Condy's Crystals. Totally submerge your tree for a day or two and some will crawl out of the pot and others will just drown in the root system.

After re potting a dose of Seasol will help the root system get back into full swing at a much faster rate as well.

Sources:

1. AusBonsai Wiki
2. "Bonsai, Its Art, Science, History and Philosophy" by D R Koreshoff
3. Dennis McDermott, School of Bonsai

BONSAI EVENTS CALENDAR

	Bonsai Society of Australia	Visit their website – www.bonsai.asn.au
	Nepean Bonsai Society Newsletter	Visit their website - www.nepeanbonsaisociety.org - see what the mountain people get up to.
26 th -27 th August 2022	Illawarra Bonsai Society "The Tops" Bonsai Weekend	Visit their website for more details – www.illewarrabonsaisociety.org - good content in their newsletter
	Bonsai Society of South Australia website	Worth a visit – www.bonsaisa.org.au
	Yarra Valley Bonsai Newsletter	Visit their website www.yarravalleybonsai.org.au
	Victorian Native Bonsai Club Newsletter	Visit their website – www.vicnativebonsai.com.au - well worth a look.
	Bonsai Society of Sydney	Visit their website – www.bonsaisocietysydney.org.au
	Canberra Bonsai Society	Visit their website – www.cbs.org.au
8 th – 16 th October 2022	9 th World Bonsai Exhibition – A VIRTUAL event Also here is a photo competition for use at the World Bonsai Convention Photo Exhibition	www.world-bonsai-convention-2022.com Close-off date for comp 15 th May see website for details

Most clubs have re-commenced meetings. Check out their web-sites or give them a call for meeting details. Attending another club is usually worth the effort.



Sydney City Bonsai Club Nomination form 2022
AGM 7 PM, Tuesday 12 July, 2022
Tote Building
100 Joynton Avenue, Zetland 2017

Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Librarian, Committee Members

Position _____

Person nominated (printed) _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Person proposing nomination (printed) _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Nomination Seconder (printed) _____

Signature of Seconder _____

Office use only:

Nomination received date:

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